Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier (Coauthor: Senator Gaines)

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An act to repeal add Section 5205 of 14526.6 to the Vehicle Government Code, relating to vehicles. transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 151, as amended, DeSaulnier. Vehicles: license plates. State highway operation and protection program.

Existing law generally provides for the programming and allocation of state and federal transportation capital improvement funds pursuant to the state transportation improvement program process administered by the California Transportation Commission.

Existing law additionally requires the Department of Transportation to prepare a state highway operation and protection program for the expenditure of funds for major capital improvements that are necessary to preserve and protect the state highway system but that do not add a new traffic lane to the system. The state highway operation and protection program is based on a 10-year rehabilitation plan and a 5-year maintenance plan prepared by the department. Existing law provides for the program to be submitted to the commission for approval in every even-numbered year. Existing law authorizes the commission to review the program relative to its overall adequacy, level of annual funding needed to implement the program, and impact of those expenditures on the state transportation improvement program, but does not provide for the commission to allocate funds to specific projects in the state highway operation and protection program.

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This bill would require the commission to allocate funding for all capital and support costs for a project in the state highway operation and protection program. For a project that experiences increases in capital or support costs above the amount originally allocated, the bill would require the department to submit a supplemental project allocation request for approval by the commission.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon registering a motor vehicle, to issue a license plate or plates to the owner of the vehicle to identify the vehicle for which the plates are issued for the period of their validity. The license plates are required to be attached to the vehicle for which they were issued, as specified, and to remain attached during the period of validity while the vehicle is being operated or held for sale within this state. Existing law authorizes the department to make appropriate rules and regulations for the use and display of stickers or devices issued in lieu of license plates, and to publish a summary thereof.

This bill would repeal that latter provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14526.6 is added to the Government Code, 2 to read:
- 3 14526.6. (a) Beginning February 1, 2016, an allocation by 4 the commission of all capital and support costs for a project in 5 the state highway operation and protection program shall be 6 required.
- 7 (b) For a project that experiences increases in capital or support 8 costs above the amount in the allocation approved pursuant to 9 subdivision (a), a supplemental project allocation request shall 10 be submitted by the department for approval by the commission.
- 11 SECTION 1. Section 5205 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.